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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 April 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-38 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 5-38 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant

1. This communication is in response to the Request for Continued Examination filed 04/29/10. Claims 1, 7, 10, 12, 20, 22-24, 30, 32 and 36 had been amended. Claims 2-4 have been cancelled. Claims 1-38 remain pending. The Examiner has entered a new rejection under 35 USC § 102(b) and 103(a) and applied new art and art already of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 2nd Paragraph

Claims 1, 12, 22-24, 30 and 36 are rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The claim(s) are narrative in form and replete with indefinite and functional or operational language. The structure which goes to make up the method and process must be clearly and positively specified. Currently, claims 1, 7 and 12 are in preamble form. The structure must comprise steps in such a manner as to present a completed operative outcome for method or process claims. The steps of the method claim(s) must be in whole sentence form only. Note the format of the claims in the patent(s) cited.

Regarding claims 1, 12, 22-24, 30 and 36 the phrase "*a number of*" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ciccolo (US 6,614,348 B2).

4. **Claim 1:**

Ciccolo, as shown, discloses the following limitations:

- *monitoring, by a computing device having a computer processor and computer-readable code stored on a computer-readable medium and executable by the computer processor, a number of sensors activated by an individual, wherein the number of sensors are located in a dwelling of the individual (See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 4, lines 63 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61).*
- *determining a behavior routine of the individual with the computing device based on recorded activations of the number of sensors, wherein a number of patterns of a number of sensors activations are identified that indicate the individual performing a number of activities that make up the behavior routine*

(See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 4, lines 63 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61).

- *identifying a change in the behavior routine with the computing device based on the analysis of the recorded sensor activations* (See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 2, line 66 to column 3, line 7, column 4, lines 63 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61).
- *recording activation of the sensor on a the computing device in communication with the sensor* (See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 2, line 66 to column 3, line 7, column 4, lines 63 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61).
- *initiating contact to a third party on a hierarchical list of third party contacts with the computing device in response to identifying the change in the behavior routine, Wherein the third party on the hierarchical list to contact is selected based on a level of change in the behavior routine* (See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 2, line 66 to column 3, line 7, column 7, lines 40-43, column 9, lines 51-54).

5. **Claim 8:**

Ciccolo, as shown, discloses the following limitations

- *wherein the method further includes providing a sensor with a level of priority* (See at least Fig. 2A-B, Fig. 3, column 4, line 52 to column 5, line 5; lines 8-31). Here, the energy level of the sensor serves as a sensor with a level of priority.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148

USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

8. Claims 5, 12-15, 20-21, 33-34, 36 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciccolo (US 6,614,348 B2) in view of Rogers (US 6,957,107 B2).

9. **Claim 5:**

Ciccolo does not disclose the following limitation. However, Roger discloses *further including initiating automated contact with a third party on a hierarchical list of third party contacts* (See at least Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, Fig. 5, Fig. 10, column 16, lines 43-58, column 17, lines 1-25). In the second citation, the hierarchy of contact serves as the hierarchical list to contact. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo 's activity monitoring with the hierarchal computing device in

communication with the sensors of Rogers for a comprehensive sensing method to better diagnose patients and notify the appropriate medical staff since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

10. **Claim 12:**

Ciccolo, as shown, discloses the following limitations:

- *recording, by a computing device having a computer processor and computer-readable code stored on a computer-readable medium and executable by the computer processor, data counts from sensors activated by an individual during a time period on the computing device in communication with the sensors to determine a behavior routine of the individual wherein the sensors are located in a dwelling of the individual and a number of patterns of the data counts are identified that indicate the individual performing a number of activities that make up the behavior routine (See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 4, lines 63 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61).*
- *identifying statistical changes in the data counts relative to expected data counts during the time period with the computing device (See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 3, lines 44-55, column 4, lines 55 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61).*

However, Rogers discloses:

- *initiating automated contact to a third party on a hierarchical third party list with the computing device identified by the individual when a statistical change exceeds a statistical threshold value, wherein the third party on the hierarchical list to contact is selected based on a level of statistical change (See at least Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, Fig. 9, Fig. 10, column 16, line 30 to column 17, line 25).*

Here, both a contacting unit and a hierarchical list of third party contacts are taught. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo's activity monitoring with the

hierarchal computing device in communication with the sensors of Rogers for a comprehensive sensing method to better diagnose patients and notify the appropriate medical staff since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

11. **Claim 13:**

Ciccolo and Rogers discloses the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Ciccolo further discloses *“associating the data count with an activity of daily living; and placing the data counts into groups based on activities of daily living”* (See at least Fig. 1-3, column 4; lines 52 to column 5, line 19).

12. **Claim 14:**

Ciccolo and Rogers discloses the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Rogers further discloses *“wherein initiating automated contact to a third party on a hierarchical third party list includes analyzing the data counts in a group for statistical change that exceeds the statistical threshold value”* (See at least Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, Fig. 9, Fig. 10, column 16, line 30 to column 17, line 25). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo's ability to notify staff and keeping records to Roger's placement of data counts to provide quality diagnosis from

trained staff which would provide beneficial treatment to medical patients since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

13. Claim 15:

Ciccolo and Rogers discloses the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Rogers further discloses *“further including setting the time period to a value of one (1) hour or greater”* (See at least column 6; lines 4-5). Here, 24 hour monitoring serves as greater than an hour. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo's ability to notify staff and keeping records to Roger's hour data counts for comprehensively detecting quality diagnosis from trained staff which would provide beneficial treatment to medical patients since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

14. Claim 20:

Ciccolo discloses the following limitations:

- *developing an expected count for the activity of daily living over the time period* (See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 4, lines 63 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61).

Rogers further discloses:

- *initiating automated contact to a third party on the hierarchical third party list when the recorded counts are statistically less than the expected count for the activity of daily living over the time period (See at least Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, column 9, lines 24-30).*

In the first citation, the programmable monitored data has thresholds similar to statistical data counts. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo 's activity monitoring with the hierarchal third party list of Rogers for a comprehensive sensing method to better diagnose patients and notify the appropriate medical staff since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

15. **Claim 21:**

Ciccolo and Rogers disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Rogers further discloses “*wherein initiating automated contact to a third party on a hierarchical third party list includes prompting the individual to confirm that automated contact to the third party should be made*” (See at least Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, Fig. 9, Fig. 10, column 16, line 30 to column 17, line 25).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo 's activity monitoring with the hierarchal computing device in communication with the sensors of Rogers for a comprehensive sensing method to better diagnose patients and notify the

appropriate medical staff since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

16. **Claim 30:**

Ciccolo, as shown, discloses the following limitations:

- *means for signaling that a number of sensors have been activated by an individual during activities of daily living, wherein the number of sensors include sensors located in a dwelling of the individual (C, See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 4, lines 63 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61).*
- *a receiver to receive signals, indicating that the number of sensors have been activated (See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 3, lines 8-17).*
- *a tabulation unit to tabulate the number of received signals (See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 3, lines 24-55).*
- *an analysis unit to analyze the tabulated signals to determine a behavior routine and identify changes in the behavior routine wherein a number of patterns of a number of sensors activations are identified that indicate the individual performing a number of activities that make up the behavior routine (C, See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 4, lines 63 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61).*

However, Rogers discloses:

- *a contacting unit to initiate contact with a third party selected from a hierarchical list of third party contacts when the analysis unit identifies a defined level change in the behavior routine (See at least Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, Fig. 9, Fig. 10, column 16, line 30 to column 17, line 25).*

Here, both a computing device and a hierarchical list of third party contacts are taught. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo's activity monitoring with the hierarchal contacting unit of Rogers for a comprehensive sensing method to better diagnose patients and notify the appropriate medical staff since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

17. **Claim 33:**

Ciccolo and Rogers disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Ciccolo further discloses:

- *wherein means for signaling includes digital sensors* (See at least Fig. 2A-4A, column 8, lines 52-64, column 12; lines 3-15).

18. **Claim 34:**

Ciccolo and Rogers disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Ciccolo further discloses:

- *wherein the means for signaling includes analog sensors* (See at least Fig. 2A-4A, column 8, lines 52-64, column 12; lines 3-15).

19. Claim 36:

Ciccolo, as shown, discloses the following limitations:

- *a receiver to receive activation signals from a number of sensors activated by an individual during activities of daily living, wherein the number of sensors include sensors located in the dwelling of the individual* (See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 4, lines 63 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61).
- *a processing unit to tabulate the received signals, wherein a number of patterns of a number of sensors activation signals are identified that indicate the individual performing a number of activities that make up the behavior routine* (See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 4, lines 63 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61).

However, Rogers discloses:

- *a contacting unit to initiate contact with a third party selected from a hierarchical list of third party contacts based on a defined level of change in a behavior routine when directed by the processing unit* (See at least Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, Fig. 9, Fig. 10, column 16, line 30 to column 17, line 25).

Here, both a computing device and a hierarchical list of third party contacts are taught. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo 's activity monitoring with the hierarchal contacting unit of Rogers for a comprehensive sensing method to better diagnose patients and notify the appropriate medical staff since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

20. **Claim 37:**

Ciccolo and Rogers disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Ciccolo further discloses:

- *wherein the device is a self contained, stand-alone device* (See at least Fig. 2B, Fig. 5, column 5, line 66 to column 6, line 13).

21. Claims 16, 31 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciccolo (US 6,614,348 B2) in view of Rogers (US 6,957,107 B2) further in view of DeLuca (US 6,440,067).

22. **Claim 16:**

Ciccolo and Rogers discloses the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, DeLuca further discloses “*wherein initiating automated contact to a third party on a hierarchical third party list includes identifying at least two statistical based changes that exceed the statistical threshold value*” (See at least Fig. 4, column 18; lines 1-2, column 26; lines 9-21). In this reference, the activity-base rate sensors, mentioned above in the limitations of claim 6, are further displayed as a range in sensor counts that signal adjustments once the threshold is overcome. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo and Rogers' ability

to notify staff and keeping records to DeLuca's automatic threshold data counts for comprehensively detecting quality diagnosis from trained staff which would provide beneficial treatment to medical patients since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

23. Claim 31:

Ciccolo and Rogers disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, DeLuca further discloses:

- *wherein means for signaling includes a sensor worn by the individual* (See at least Fig. 3, Fig. 4, column 5; lines 55-60).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo and Rogers' ability to notify staff and keeping records to DeLuca's worn sensor comprehensively detecting quality diagnosis from trained staff which would provide beneficial treatment to medical patients since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

24. **Claim 32:**

Ciccolo and Rogers disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, DeLuca further discloses:

- *wherein the sensor worn by the individual is a sensor that is actuated when the sensor is located within range that includes the dwelling and a portion of land on which the dwelling is situated* (See at least Fig. 3, Fig. 4, column 5; lines 55-60).

Here, the location occupied by the subject serves as a dwelling and a portion of land on which the dwelling is situated. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo and Rogers' ability to notify staff and keeping records to DeLuca's dwelling range feature to comprehensively detecting quality diagnosis from trained staff which would provide beneficial treatment to medical patients since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

25. Claims 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciccolo (US 6,614,348 B2) and in view of Nichols (US 5,330,513 A).

26. **Claim 6:**

Ciccolo discloses the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Nichols discloses *"further including grouping sensors within particular*

classes of daily activities" (See at least Fig. 1, Fig. 2, column 5; lines 59-68, column 48, lines 17-20). In this reference, the sensors are grouped into two categories according to the rate control parameters. One measures the activity-based rate. The other measures the pressure-base rate. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo's ability to monitor behavior sensors to Nichol's activity grouped sensors to provide optimum sensing to trouble-shoot patient problems since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

27. **Claim 7:**

Ciccolo and Nichols disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Nichols discloses *"wherein identifying a change in the at least one behavior includes comparing activations of a group of sensors within a class to a threshold"* (See at least Fig. 4, column 18; lines 1-2, column 26; lines 9-21). In this reference, the activity-base rate sensors, mentioned above in the limitations of claim 6, are further displayed as a range in sensor counts that signal adjustments once the threshold is overcome. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo's ability to monitor behavior sensors to Nichol's behavior changed activation to provide optimum sensing to trouble-shoot patient problems

since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

28. Claim 9:

Ciccolo discloses the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Nichols discloses *“wherein identifying a change in the behavior routine includes weighting sensor activations differently based upon the sensor's level of priority”* (See at least column 48; lines 12-20). This reference embodies the distinction between sensors based on pre-set parameters. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo's ability to monitor behavior sensors to Nichol's weighing sensors based on priority levels to better understand the details involved with the diagnosis of any failed treatment since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

29. Claim 10:

Ciccolo and Nichols disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Nichols discloses *“wherein analyzing the recorded sensor activations to determine a behavior routine includes using a pattern recognition algorithm”* (See at least column 45; lines 19-35). This reference embodies the

analyzing factors to determine a needed rate set with an algorithm. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo's ability to monitor behavior sensors to Nichol's algorithm used to analyze behavior sensors to better understand the details involved with the diagnosis of any failed treatment since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

30. **Claim 11:**

Ciccolo and Nichols disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Nichols discloses *"wherein using a pattern recognition algorithm includes using an algorithm based on a Bayesian decision theory* (See at least Fig. 21, Fig. 22, column 43, line 43 to column 44, line 48 and Ciccolo's column 3, lines 18-23). Here, in Nichol's histogram diagnostic algorithm, the premature ventricular contractions caused increments are statistical inferences serve as a Bayesian decision property. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo's activity monitoring with a Bayesian decision theory algorithm of Nichols for a comprehensive sensing method to better diagnose any failed treatment or health of patients and to notify the appropriate medical staff.

31. Claim 38 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciccolo (US 6,614,348 B2) in view of Rogers (US 6,957,107 B2) further in view of Nichols (US 5,330,513 A).

32. **Claim 38:**

Ciccolo and Rogers disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Nichols further discloses *“wherein the device includes an additional functionality selected from: a radio, a clock radio, an alarm clock, a telephone, and an answering machine”* (See at least column 8; lines 34-45). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo and Rogers' device for monitoring activity to Nichol's functionality selections to provide better options needed to review any failed monitoring and treatment during diagnosis so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

33. Claims 17 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciccolo (US 6,614,348 B2) in view of Rogers (US 6,957,107 B2) and further in view of Official Notice.

34. **Claim 17:**

Ciccolo and Rogers disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. Ciccolo and Rogers do not disclose "*wherein recording data counts from a sensor includes recording data counts from a sensor with Boolean logic*". However, the Examiner takes **Official Notice** that it is old and well-known in the art Statistics to utilize Boolean logic when recording data counts for sensors to optimize methods needed to obtain accurate and dependable sensor readings. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to use Boolean logic to provide better options needed to review any failed monitoring and treatment during diagnosis.

35. **Claim 35:**

Ciccolo and Rogers disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. Ciccolo and Rogers do not disclose "*wherein the analog sensors produce a Boolean output*". However, the examiner takes **Official Notice** that it is old and well-known in the Electronics art for analog sensors to produce a Boolean output

for optimized equipment needed to monitor any failed treatment for diagnosis. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine David's Boolean output with Nichol's notification of a third party of detailed analysis to provide an optimum variety of sensors needed to detect patient's activity and accuracy of monitoring because it would provide better healthcare for patients in remote locations away from a hospital.

36. Claim 18, 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ciccolo (US 6,614,348 B2) in view of Rogers (US 6,957,107 B2) and further in view of Kutzik (US 6,108,685 A).

37. **Claim 18:**

Ciccolo and Rogers discloses the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Kutzik discloses "*further including self-diagnosing an operational condition of a monitoring system based on the recorded data counts*" (See at least column 17; lines 13-21). Here, there diagnostic sequence serves as self-diagnosing an operation condition. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo and Rogers' record of statistical changes in data counts to Kutzik's self-diagnosis to provide quality diagnosis from trained staff and beneficial treatment to medical

patients since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

38. **Claim 19:**

Ciccolo and Rogers discloses the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Kutzik discloses *“further including diagnosing an operational condition of a sensor in the monitoring system”* (See at least column 17; lines 13-21). Here, there diagnostic sequence serves as self-diagnosing an operation condition. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Ciccolo and Rogers' record of statistical changes in data counts to Kutzik's self-diagnosis to provide quality diagnosis from trained staff and beneficial treatment to medical patients since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

39. Claims 22-27 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rogers (US 6,957,107 B2) in view of Ciccolo (US 6,614,348 B2).

40. **Claim 22:**

Rogers discloses the following limitations:

- *determining a statistical change in the data counts relative to expected data counts for the activity of daily living* (See at least Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, column 9, lines 24-30). In the first citation, the programmable monitored data has thresholds similar to statistical data counts.
- *identifying when the statistical change in the data counts relative expected data counts exceed a statistical threshold value* (See at least Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, column 9, lines 24-30).
- *selecting a third party on a hierarchical third party list based on the activity of daily living tar which the statistical change in the data counts relative expected data counts exceed the statistical threshold value and a level of statistical change in the data counts* (See at least Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, Fig. 9, Fig. 10, column 9, lines 24-30, column 16, line 30 to column 17, line 25). In the first citation, the programmable monitored data has thresholds similar to statistical data counts. In the second citation, both a computing device and a hierarchical list of third party contacts are taught.
- *initiating automated contact to the third party on the hierarchical third party list when the statistical based change exceeds the statistical threshold value* (See at least Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, Fig. 9, Fig. 10, column 9, lines 24-30, column 16, line 30 to column 17, line 25).

Ciccolo further discloses:

- *sensing data counts associated with a number of sensors that are located in the dwelling of the individual wherein the data counts are from activations of a number of sensors that are located in a dwelling of the individual* (C, See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 4, lines 63 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61).
- *determining a behavior routine of the individual based on the sensed data counts wherein a number of patterns of the sensed data counts are identified that indicate the individual performing the number of activities of daily living that make up the behavior routine* (C, See at least Fig. 2A-C, Fig. 3, Fig. 5, column 4, lines 63 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61).

Here, the function activity identification serves as determining a behavior routine. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Rogers' activity monitoring with determining an individual's sensed data counts of Ciccolo for a comprehensive sensing method to better diagnose patients and notify the appropriate medical staff since so doing could be performed readily and easily by any person of ordinary skill in the art, with neither undue experimentation, nor risk of unexpected results.

41. **Claim 23:**

Rogers and Ciccolo disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However Rogers further discloses *“further including adjusting the expected data counts of the number of activities of daily living based upon the statistical change in the data counts for the activity of daily living”* (See at least Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, column 9, lines 24-30).

42. **Claim 24:**

Rogers and Ciccolo disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Rogers further discloses *“further including providing a predetermined amount of information about the individual and the number of activities of daily living to the third party on the hierarchical third party list”* (See at least Fig. 10, column 17; lines 15-67).

43. Claim 25:

Rogers and Ciccolo disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Rogers further discloses *“initiating automated contact to a third party on a hierarchical third party list further includes prompting the individual to confirm that automated contact to the third party should be made”* (See at least Fig. 10, column 17; lines 15-67).

44. Claim 26:

Rogers and Ciccolo disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Rogers further discloses *“further including placing the third party contacts in tiers of third party contacts wherein at least one tier includes multiple third party contacts”* (See at least Fig. 10, column 17; lines 15-67).

45. Claim 27:

Rogers and Ciccolo disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Rogers further discloses:

- *requesting automated contact to the third party on the hierarchical third party list by the individual; and* (See at least Fig. 10, column 17; lines 15-67).
- *initiating the automated contact to the third party on the hierarchical third party list at the request of the individual* (See at least Fig. 10, column 17; lines 15-67).

46. **Claim 29:**

Rogers and Ciccolo disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Rogers further discloses *“further including adjusting the expected data counts for the sensor based upon the statistical change in the data counts”* (See at least Fig. 2, Fig. 2A, column 9, lines 24-30).

47. Claims 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rogers (US 6,957,107 B2) in view of Ciccolo (US 6,614,348 B2) further in view of Official Notice.

48. **Claim 28:**

Rogers and Ciccolo disclose the limitations as shown in the rejections above. However, Rogers and Ciccolo do not disclose *“identifying a sensor that is not transmitting data counts based on the statistical change in the data counts of the sensor relative to expected data counts for the sensor”*. However, the Examiner takes **Official Notice** that it is old and well-known in the Electronics arts that a non-transmitting sensor would work improperly. Therefore, a failed sensor would compromise the accuracy of the statistical threshold data counts. It would have been obvious to a person having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have sensors that work properly to obtain the best possible data counts to maximize the quality of healthcare provided for patients.

Response to Arguments

49. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 5-38 have been fully considered but are not persuasive. Applicant's arguments will be addressed herein below in the order in which they appear in the response filed 04/29/10.
50. (1) Applicant argues on the basis that the David, Rogers or Kutzik references do not teach *"the number of sensors are located in the dwelling of the individual"* and *"wherein a number pattern of a number of sensor activities are identified that indicate the individual doing a number of activities that make up the behavior routine"*. Rather, Ciccolo's activity monitoring system recognizes signal patterns of sensors located throughout the dwelling of the individual to identify an individual's activities and living behavior routines, as mentioned in column 4, lines 63 to column 5, line 5, column 5, line 19 to column 6, line 61.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to **Teresa Woods** whose telephone number is **571.270.5509**. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:00pm.

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